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KEY ISSUE

Mexico's Commercial Bank Package

Mexico City faces an uphill battle in winning commitments to its financial package from commercial banks by the end of this month. The package includes: a request for new money, an arrangement for contingency money, and provisions for restructuring previous loans. First; Mexico is seeking about \$5.7 billion in fresh funds to be repaid in 12 years with five years grace. The World Bank will cofinance only \$1 billion of the new loan and will guarantee up to \$500 million. Second, banks will provide an additional \$500 million—half of which will be guaranteed by the World Bank—if Mexico's economic growth flags; they also are to provide a contingent \$1.2 billion in investment support. Third, banks will push back the maturity date by six years on \$43.7 billion that had already been rescheduled and will grant Mexico a seven-year grace period. The maturity date for another \$8.8 billion borrowed during 1983-84 remains the same, but repayments will not commence for another three years. Mexico will pay 0.8125 percentage point over LIBOR on all the loans, a reduction of 0.3 percentage point compared with the average spread over LIBOR Mexico had earlier paid. Mexico is also seeking bankers' agreement to reschedule again \$11.2 billion in private sector loans (FICORCA) and their promise not to cut off about \$6 billion in interbank credit lines.

The Mexican agreement with the bank advisory committee may have come too late for the banks to meet the 31 October deadline set by the IMF.

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. If the deadline slips, the IMF and World Bank will delay releasing funds to Mexico.

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The responsibility for any increase in lending will fall on the larger bank creditors. Already the 54 largest creditor banks have agreed to contribute to Mexico's bridging loan. These banks will account for about two-thirds of the critical mass—90 percent of the total amount of new money—with many more of the smaller foreign and US regional banks needed to make up the rest of the funds; Mexico currently has about 530 international bank creditors.

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if the current negotiated agreement fails to hold together, Mexico would insist that any new agreement not increase its debt burden and contain interest concessions and linkage of debt payments to oil prices.

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Debtor nations including Argentina, Brazil, Venezuela, and the Philippines have been closely following Mexican financial negotiations with creditors in hopes of taking full advantage of the concessions won by Mexico, including:

- o dropping the US prime rate as a base rate for interest calcuations,
- o reducing the spread over LIBOR,
- o extending both the tenor and grace period on existing debt,
- o promising more money if the country's economy falters.

bankers believe these concessions will not set undesirable precedents for their upcoming financial negotiations with other debtor countries.

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	DEVELOPMENTS IN MAJOR COUNTRIES
	Brazil
	Brasilia is likely to push hard for concessions to reduce its debt repayment burden in the coming round of negotiations with commercial banks. Finance Minister Funaro, who has taken a tough position in debt negotiations, believes that debt concessions are crucial to ensure the future success of the Cruzado Plan, He notes the Plan is threatened by a lack of new investment, which he believes can only be alleviated through increased government outlays. Accordingly, Funaro believes the savings in debt servicing payments should be used to fund additional imports and domestic investment needed to maintain economic growth and alleviate vast social inequities. Nonetheless, Brasilia probably will not adopt radical policies to achieve its objectives. In return for a lower annual debt servicing payment and access to new funds, Brasilia may be prepared to compromise on its refusal to negotiate an agreement with the IMF—perhaps an enhanced surveillance program like Colombia's—after the congressional elections next month. Funaro and other economic officials have indicated recently that the Fund now is supporting growth—oriented policies similar to those held by Brasilia. The US Embassy believes that an accommodation with the Fund would be politically feasible after the elections. Moreover, during a recent trip to Europe, Funaro was told firmly by several European officials that an agreement with the Fund also is necessary to reschedule its debts to Paris Club creditors. The Brazilians anticipate tough negotiations with foreign banks, but will press relentlessly for substantial cuts in annual payments, If bankers prove reluctant to offer concessions, Brasilia may threaten creditors—US banks currently hold \$24 billion in Brazilian debt—with a partial interest payments moratorium. a threat Brasilia has made in the past.
	Argentina
	Argentine officials hope to reach agreement by mid-November with the IMF on a 15-month standby for \$1.2 billion and a \$350 million compensatory financing facility to help cover agricultural export losses, and then to start formal talks with creditor banks, according to the press. Argentina to request \$1 billion in new bank loans and to follow Mexico's lead in seeking contingency credits—linked to the performance of Argentina's agricultural exports, which make up over 66 percent of total exports. Buenos Aires also will press creditors to lower the interest spread on its loans from an average 1.6 percentage points over LIBOR.
	Meanwhile, creditors may be encouraged by Argentina's tighter monetary policy that helped slow inflation—by 1.6 percentage points— to 7.2 percent in September and that promises a further decline to 5 percent this month. The US Embassy believes, however, that this policy will cause the government political problems within the next few months. It predicts that bank failures—several banks caught by the liquidity squeeze have recently failed—will increase and that the ruling Radical Party may be tainted by
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	REGIONAL SITUATIONS
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ink would be and import production import production import production in the produc	Manila would request a contingency clause in the acturing similar to what is in Mexico's agreement. For the Philippines, a made to selected economic growth factors — especially export revenues ices — and bank creditors would be asked to extend additional credit if certain growth minimums are not reached. Dine proposal received a very cold reception from bank creditors as well as Bank officials. Decause of this Philippines will push for lower interest rates rather than follow through they request.

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Indonesia may be forced to reschedule its foreign debt, and implement an IMF tandby program in 1987 if oil and other export commodity prices do not rebound, ecording to Embassy reporting. To cover this year's \$5 billion current account deficit, be expect Jakarta to draw down about \$3 billion in standby commercial credits—loans committed but undrawn—and dip into its \$10.8 billion in foreign reserves. The adonesians also will ask the IMF for a compensatory financing facility (CFF) to make up or falling oil and commodity prices, according to the Embassy.	2
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The Malaysian Central Bank announced that real GDP actually fell by 1 percent st year—Malaysia's first full year decline—instead of growing nearly 3 percent as it had mounced in March. Financial observers predict Kuala Lumpur will slash government ending—possibly by 35 percent—and will be forced to devalue the ringgit (Malaysian blar) by 10 to 25 percent in the next few months if it hopes to shore up its worsening conomy. Fear of devaluation has led to increasing capital flight, which could exceed \$3	
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